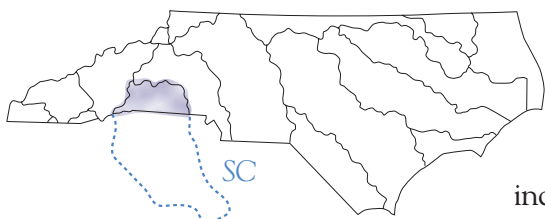


# BROAD RIVER BASIN

The scenery and natural heritage of the Broad River Basin have captivated tourists and ecologists alike. Hollywood even memorialized some of these places on the big screen, including in battle scenes filmed for the 1992 movie "Last of the Mohicans" at the 404-foot Hickory Nut Falls.



Bog turtle



BILL LEA

The Broad River originates in the mountains of western North Carolina and flows southeast through the foothills and Piedmont before entering South Carolina. Major tributaries include the Green, First Broad, Second Broad and North Pacolet rivers. There are also four major man-made lakes, including the popular tourist destination Lake Lure, which was built in 1926 to supply electricity. Other reservoirs include Lake Adger and Kings Mountain Reservoir, also known as Moss Lake. Municipalities in the basin include Forest City, Kings Mountain, Chimney Rock Village, Lake Lure, Rutherfordton, Shelby and Spindale.

Some of the best-known natural beauties of the basin are Hickory Nut Gorge, Chimney Rock Park and Lake Lure. Perhaps lesser known is the incredible diversity of flora and fauna within the basin. The Broad

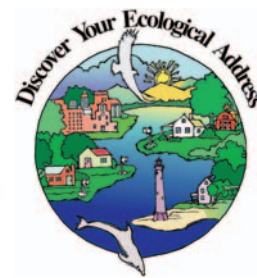
River Basin shelters 111 rare animal and plant species, including the bog turtle, which is federally listed as a threatened species. The green salamander, a state-listed endangered species; mole salamander; and crevice salamander also are among the basin's rare



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## profile:

Total miles of streams and rivers: 1,513

Total acres of lakes: 1,954

Municipalities within basin: 27

Counties within basin: 8

Size: 1,513 square miles

Population: 342,282 (2000 U.S. Census)

*Big Bradley Falls (left);  
Broad River (below)*